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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility/nonprovisional **DIVISIONAL** patent application 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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| For:         | Apparatus and Method with Vessel for Containing/Transporting a Fluent Substance |

This application is a divisional of pending Application No. 09/772,054 awarded a filing date of 23 April 2001, which is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US99/17280, filed 30 July 1999 and now abandoned, which claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application N<sup>os</sup>. 60/094,803, 60/094,831, and 60/094,896 each filed 31 July 1998.

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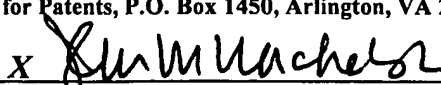
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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No.    | CHATA-101D               |
| First Inventor         | Edwin D. Neas            |
| Title                  | Apparatus and Method ... |
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 18]  
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  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
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  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
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- ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR  
Signed statement attached deleting name in the prior application, see 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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- ☐ Application Data Sheet See 37 CFR 1.76

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- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
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Prior application information: Examiner Steven O Douglas

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